



ISG-Committee Status Update May 2006

Committee Name: Community Development Initiative-AZ

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Objective Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 6.1. Conduct a needs assessment of agencies participating in CDI to identify training needs of staff; identification, training, and mentoring or parent leaders; and implementation plans.

- No actions or strategies identified.

Objective 6.2. Expand the community Development Initiative to other state agencies.

- Presentation and report to the Governor's Children's Cabinet on 5/26/06.

Activity 6.2.1. Provide training for yshcn and their families through the Parent Youth Leadership Development Institute.

- The Youth/Parent Leadership curriculum will be used for parts of the training to the new DES teams on 5/23/06-5/24/06.

Activity 6.2.2. Provide training on how to work with and develop community teams.

- Community Development training provided on 3/13/06-4/14/06 to 20 new community teams that are being supported by DES.
- Oly Cowles (ADJC); Becky Hamblin and Kim Stamper, OCSHCN Parent Leaders; and Linda Hamman, Community Development Program Manager are DES expert faculty, able to provide mentoring and training to the new DES community teams.
- A follow up training for these teams will occur on 5/23/06-5/24/06
- CDI steering team will be doing a follow up summit in 2007 to bring previous summit participants together for further training and collaboration.
- CDI steering team will be supporting a community development conference in 2007 to provide training statewide.

Activity 6.2.3. Identify parents from existing parent-led community teams to mentor other parents.

- Community Development Leader Jan Johnson from Mesa has joined CDI to provide mentoring and support to parents and agency partners.
- The Alliance, a community action team in Southern Apache County, will be the mentor and fiduciary for the newly forming team the Turtle Nation Coalition Movement on the Hopi Nation.

Objective 6.2.4. Utilize Partners in Policy Making, Raising Special Kids, Pilot Parents, AzEIP parents, and ADHS/OCSHCN as a pool of potential parents and youth.

- Parents from MIKID and the Family Involvement Center are representatives on the CDI Steering Team and have been mentoring and providing training to the new DES community family team partners.

Objective 6.2. Obtain operating manuals, policies, and procedures related to the integration of families into decision making from partner agencies.

No activity

Objective 6.5. Initiate a community team within a Native American Community.

The Turtle Nation Coalition has been initiated on the Hopi Nation.

Objective 6.5. Develop linguistically and culturally appropriate materials for the teams.

Plans to work with the Cultural Competency Committee.

Opportunities for integration

- The CDI Steering Team is comprised of representatives from the five child-serving agencies and the monthly team meetings are rotated to each of these agencies as a strategy for team building and marketing CDI to other members within each of the agencies. The next CDI Team meeting will be hosted by ADJC on 6/20/06; the last meeting was at the Office of the Governor for Children, Youth and Families.
- At each CDI steering team meeting, agencies present to the team on issues within their agencies that they need collaboration from other agencies to find solutions. ADJC will be the first agency to present on 6/20.
- OCSHCN/ CDI parent leaders participated with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities at their Strategic Planning retreat on 5/10/06-5/12/06.

Barriers identified

- In order to substantially increase the number of parents and youth who have been trained through the Youth/Parent Leadership curriculum this needs to be online as part of the e-learning system.
- There are not enough identified and trained parents to support the need within each agency. Each agency needs have a protocol and funding to compensate parents for their leadership.

Support needed:

- Technical assistance to develop an assessment tool to conduct the assessment of the agencies that are participating in the CDI.

Recommendations to the Task Force:

- Assist the committee in identifying other agencies that might be interested in partnering with the Community Development Initiative.